



Maryland Municipal League

The Association of Maryland's Cities and Towns

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Committee: Senate Finance

Bill: SB 387 - Intersection of State and Local Highways – Crosswalks and Curb Ramps

Position: Support

Reason for Position:

The Maryland Municipal League supports Senate Bill 387 which requires the State Highway Administration (SHA) to install and maintain crosswalks and ramps at certain intersections.

Under this bill, SHA would be required to install and maintain crosswalks and ramps at intersections of state highways and local roads if the local government makes the request, there is a stop light at the intersection, and there is at least one mile of sidewalk on each side of the state road.

Many municipalities are seeking to improve the walkability of their community and this bill will help achieve that goal. There are instances of new sidewalks being constructed with inadequate transitions at intersections, affecting both safety and accessibility, which this bill will help alleviate. While the minimum sidewalk length requirement in the bill eliminates a lot of potential projects located in municipalities, this partnership with the State is a step in the right direction.

For these reasons, the Maryland Municipal League supports SB 387 and respectfully requests a favorable committee report.

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